

A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape at night. The sky is filled with stars. In the foreground, there are red rock formations and a small, dark body of water reflecting the stars. The overall atmosphere is dark and serene.

Importance of Preserving Night Skies

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2021 Zion NP certified as an International Dark Sky Park



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ASSOCIATION

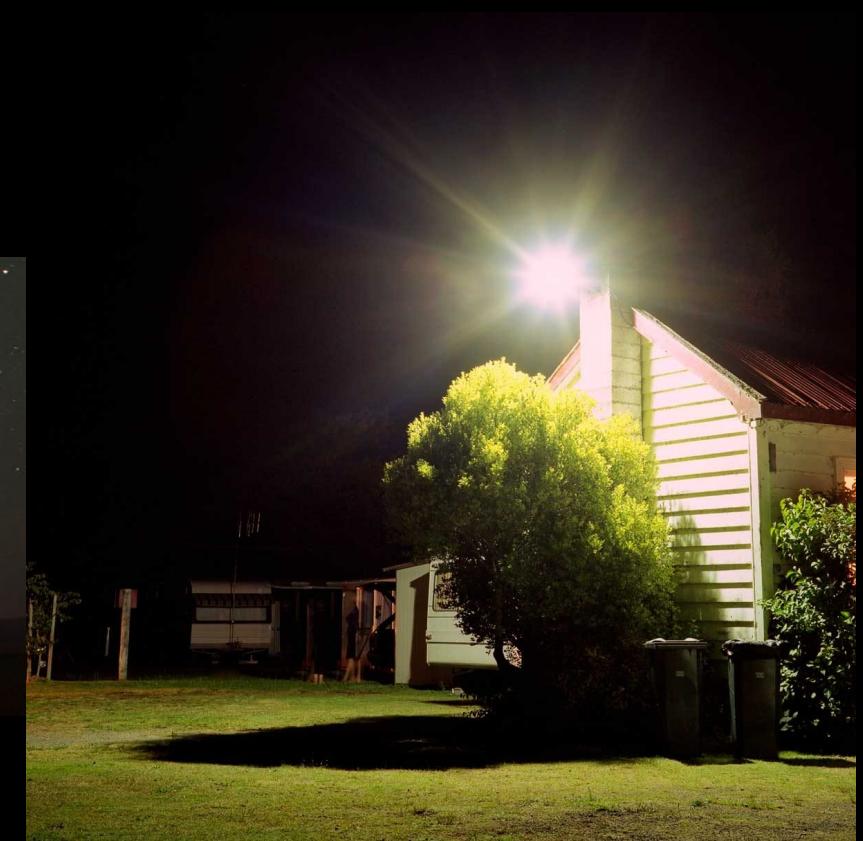


Adrienne Fitzgerald began this important work in 2016

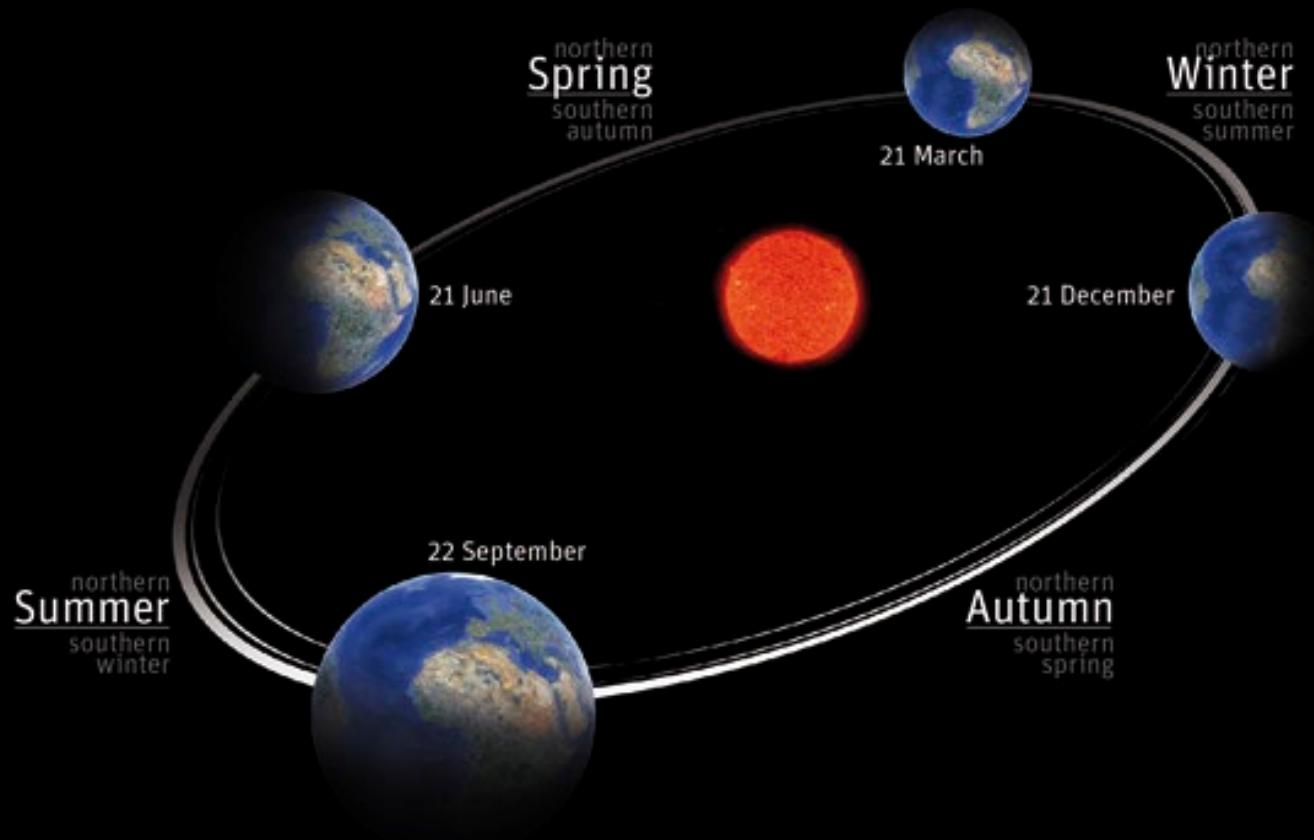


Springdale began its journey to becoming an International Dark Sky Community in 2009 through the adoption of a lighting ordinance

Light pollution is not just a problem in large cities...



Natural Rhythms of Light and Dark





Natural Rhythms of Light at Night







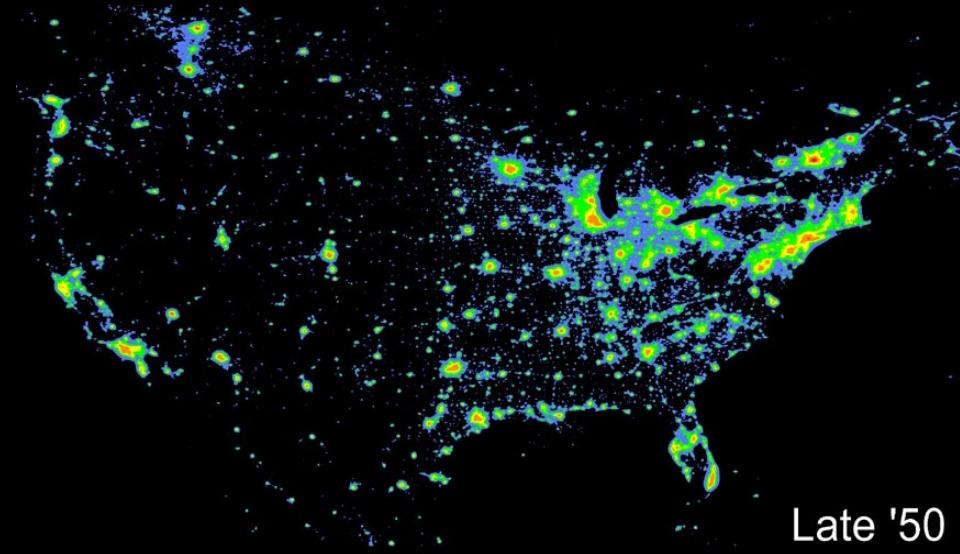


Light pollution
is bad for your
health

- Disruption of our circadian rhythm leads to sleep disorders
- Risk factor for cancer

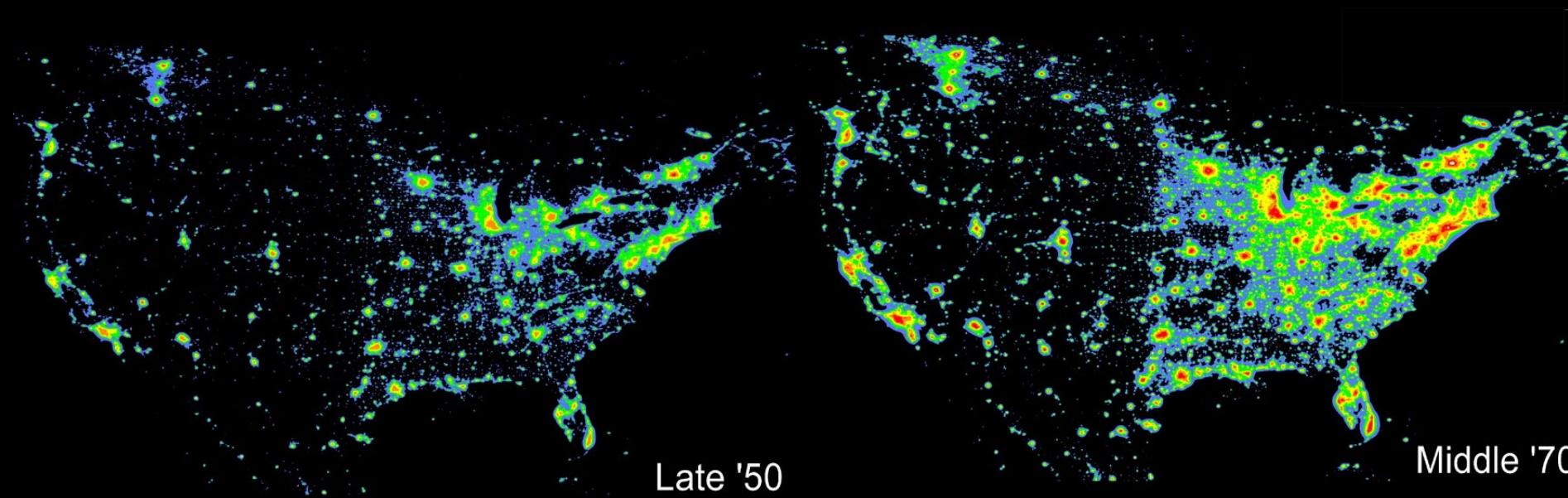


Artificial Night Sky Brightness due to Light Pollution.
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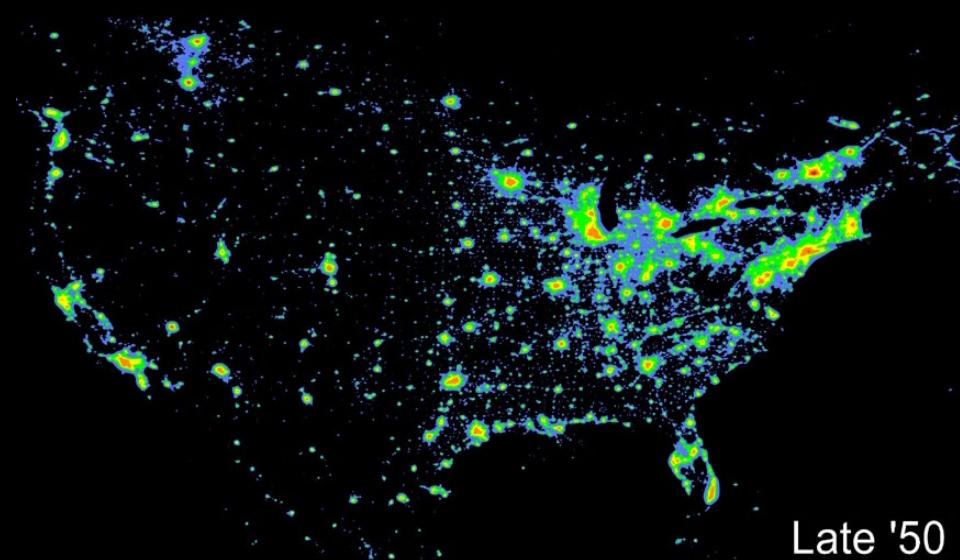


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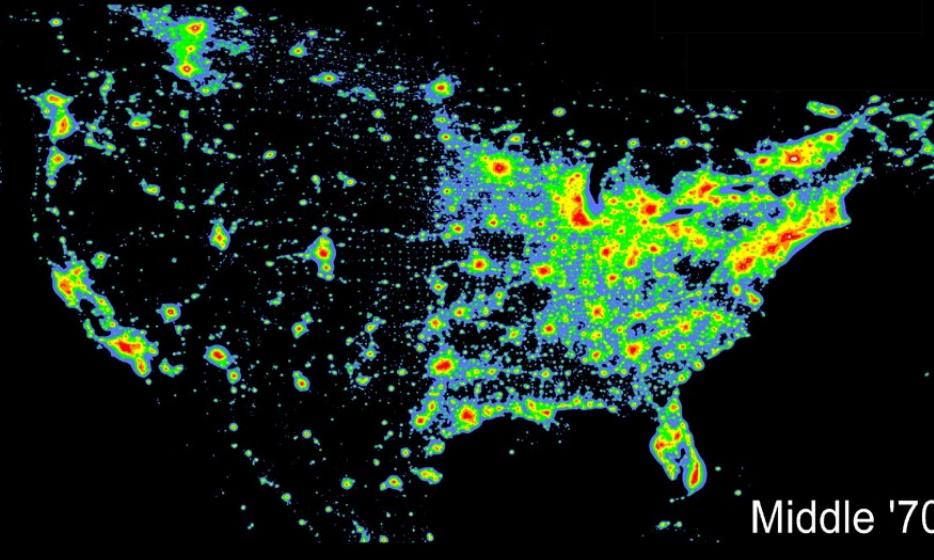




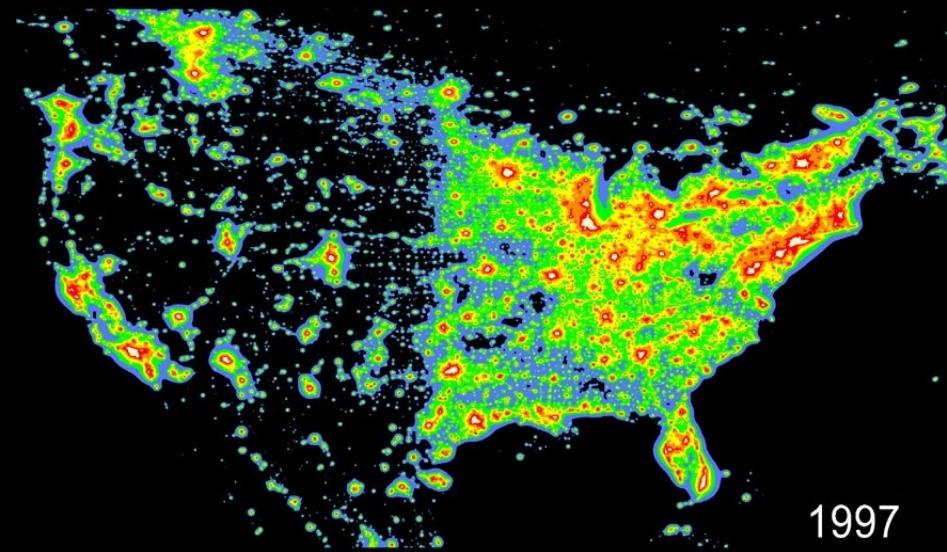
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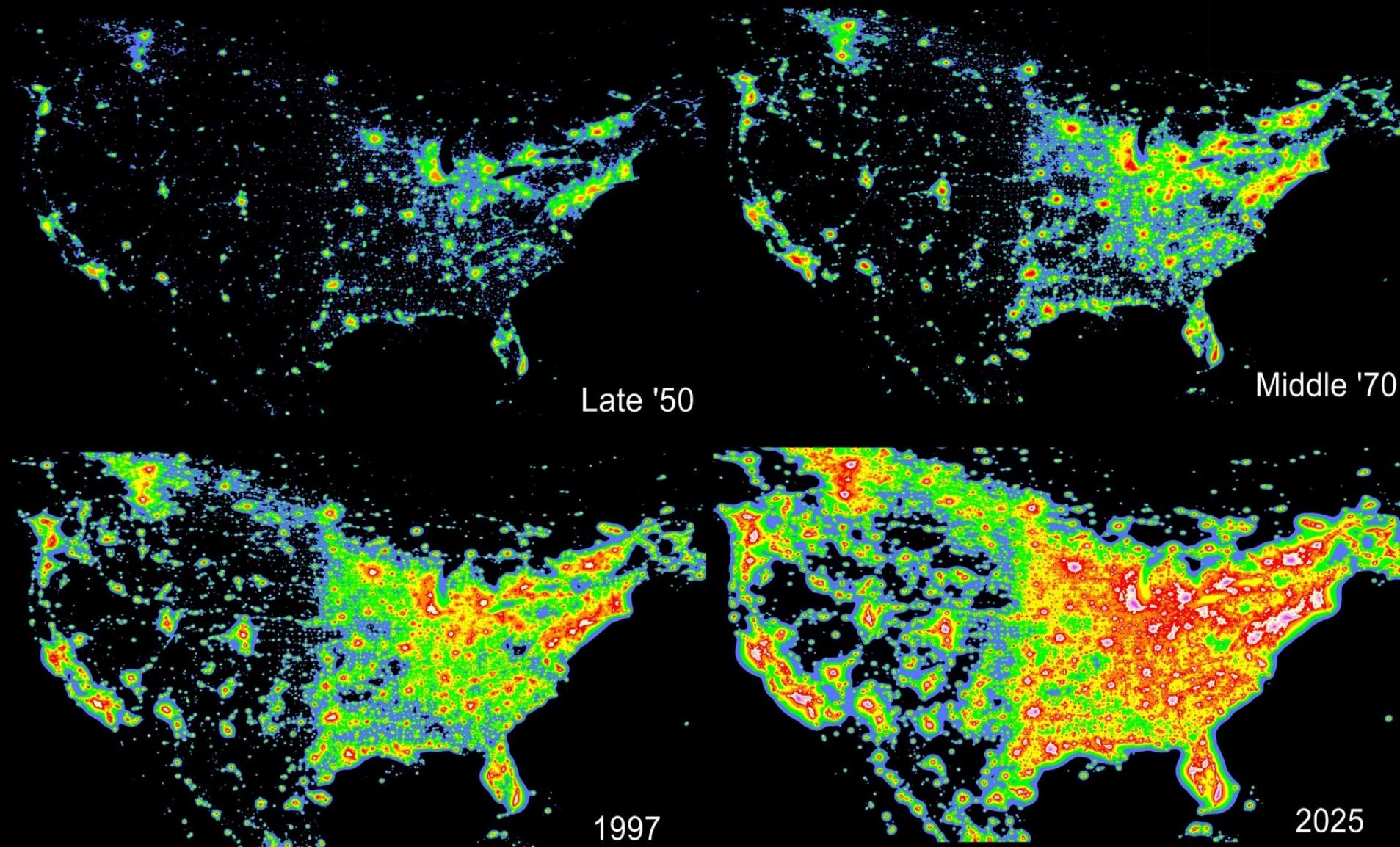
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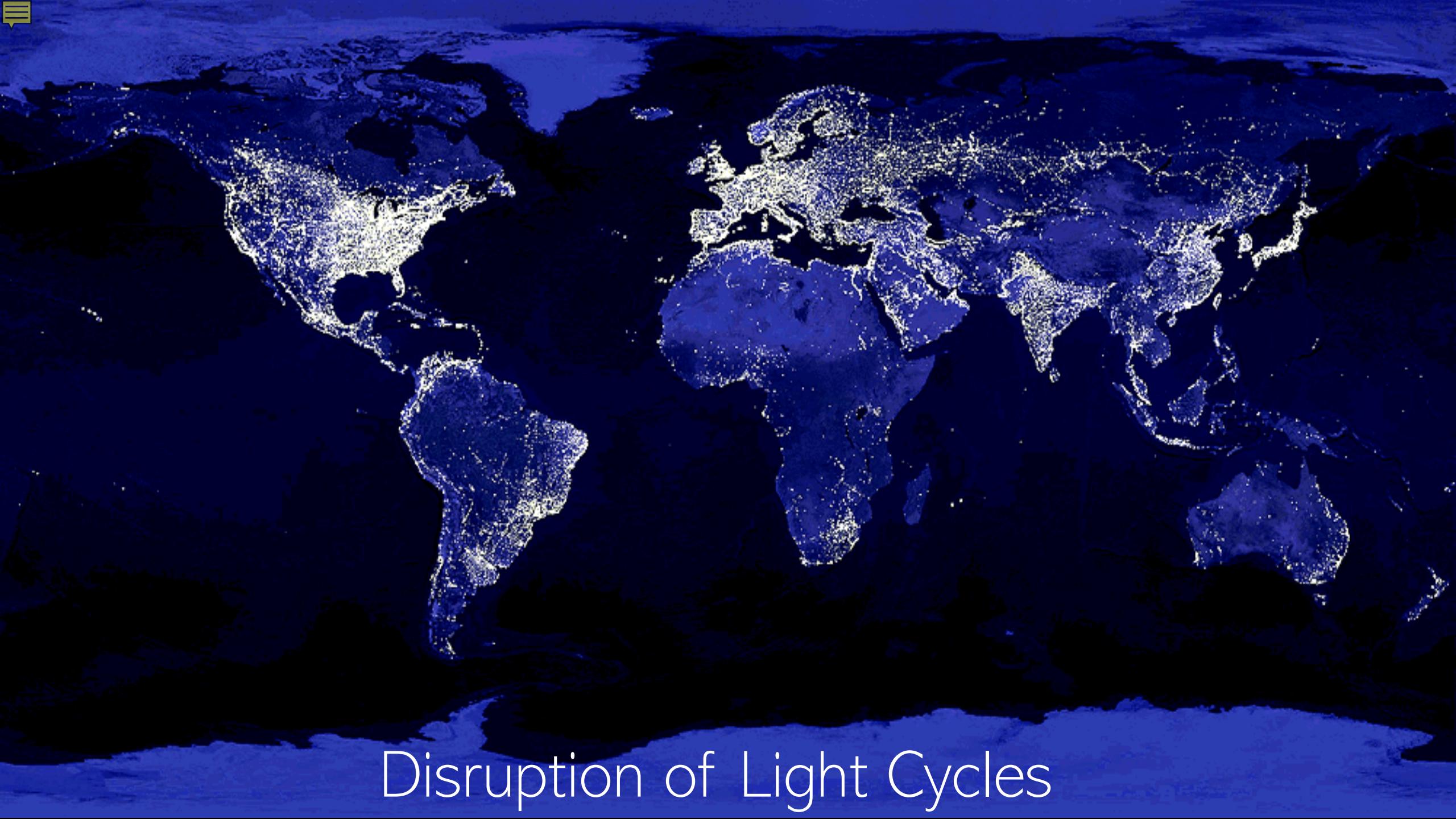


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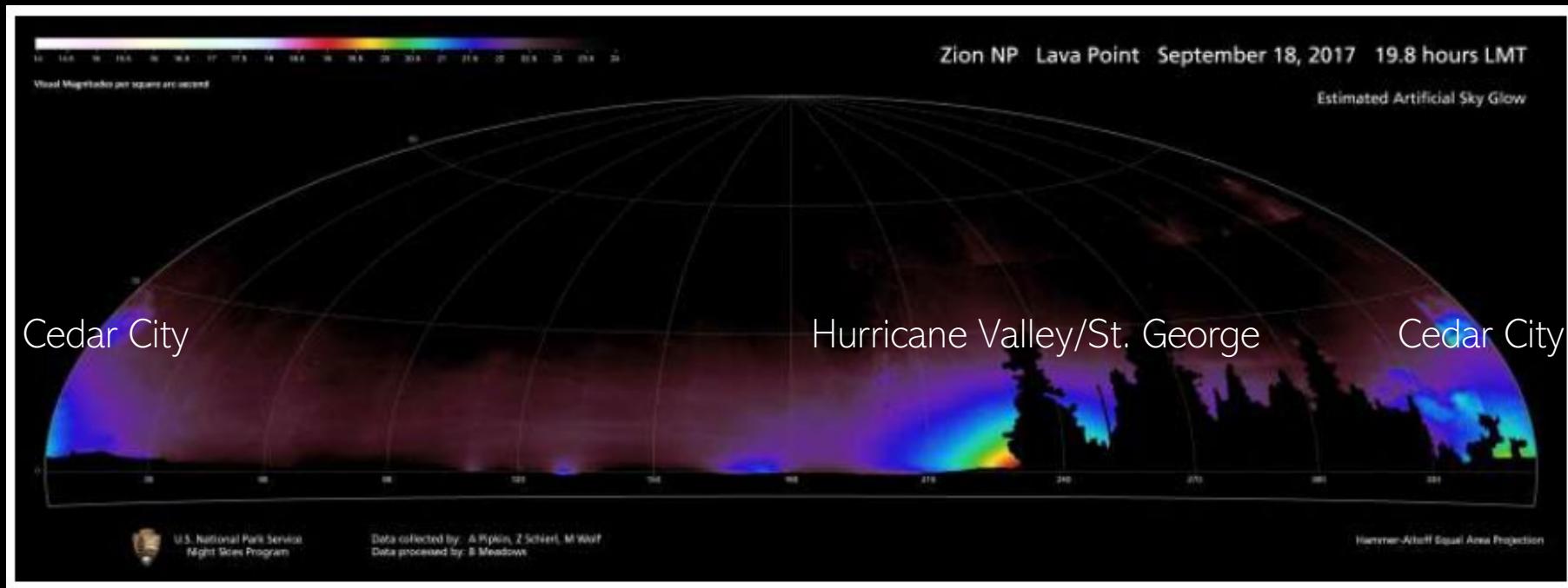
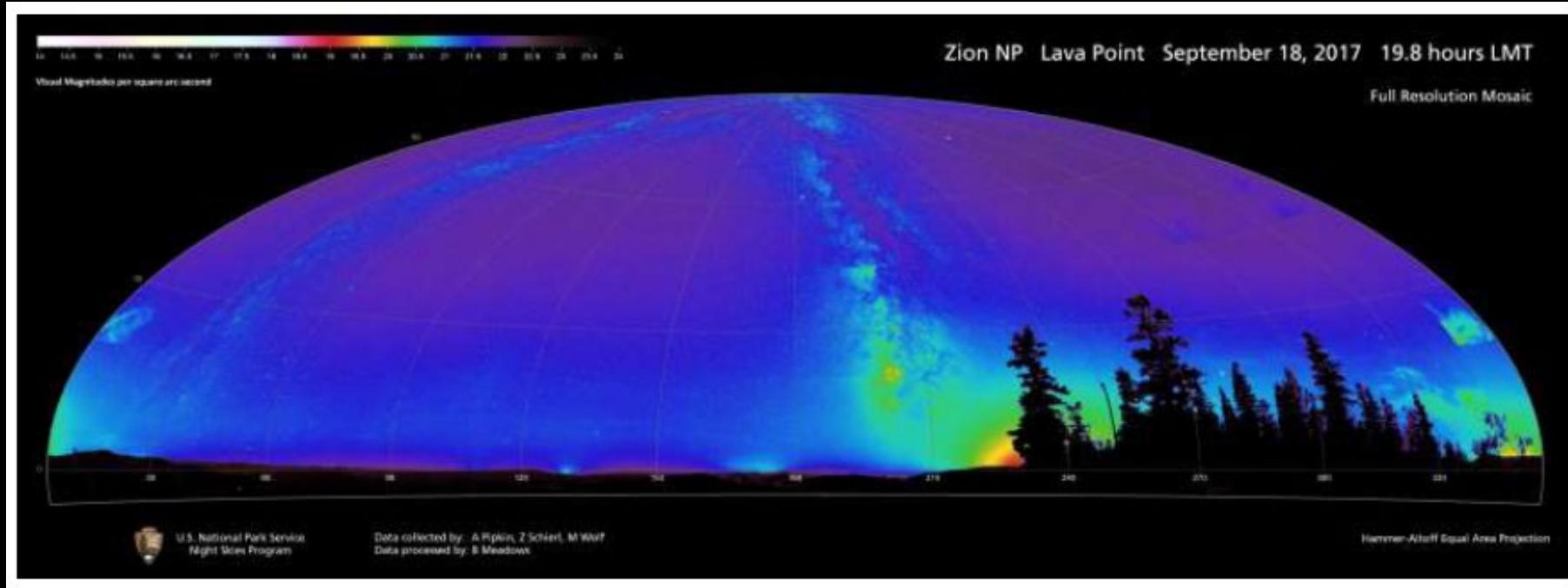


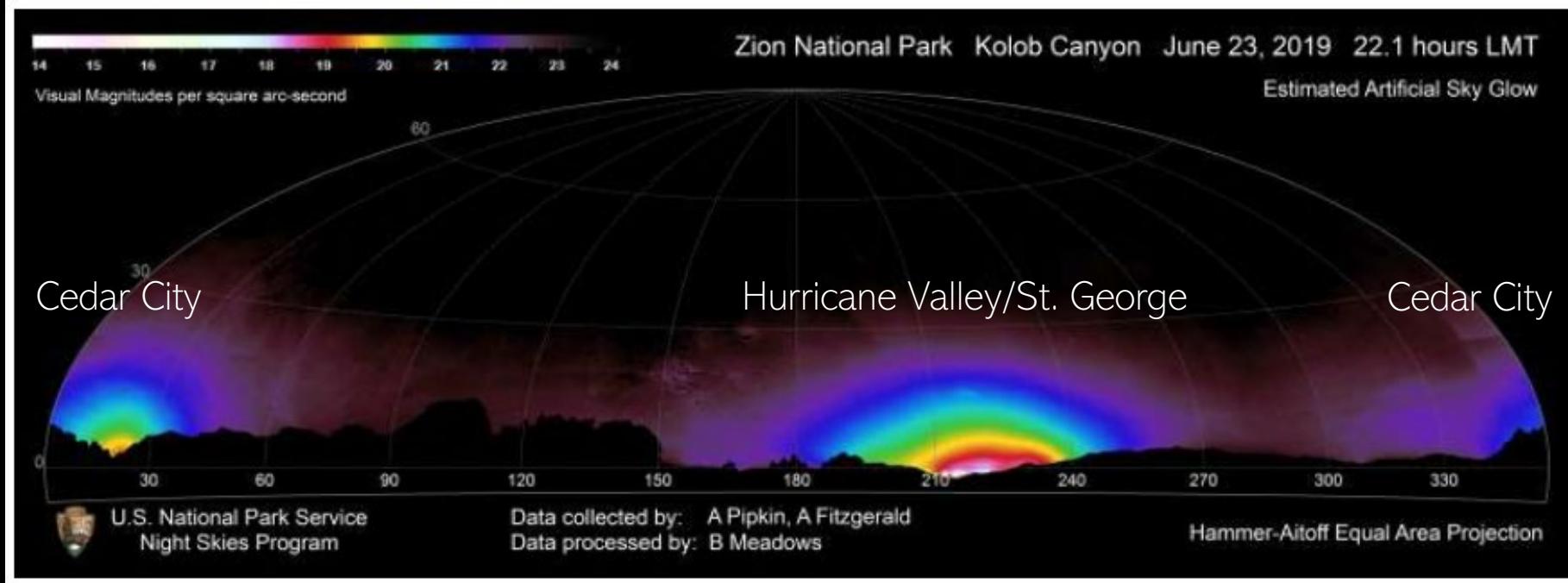
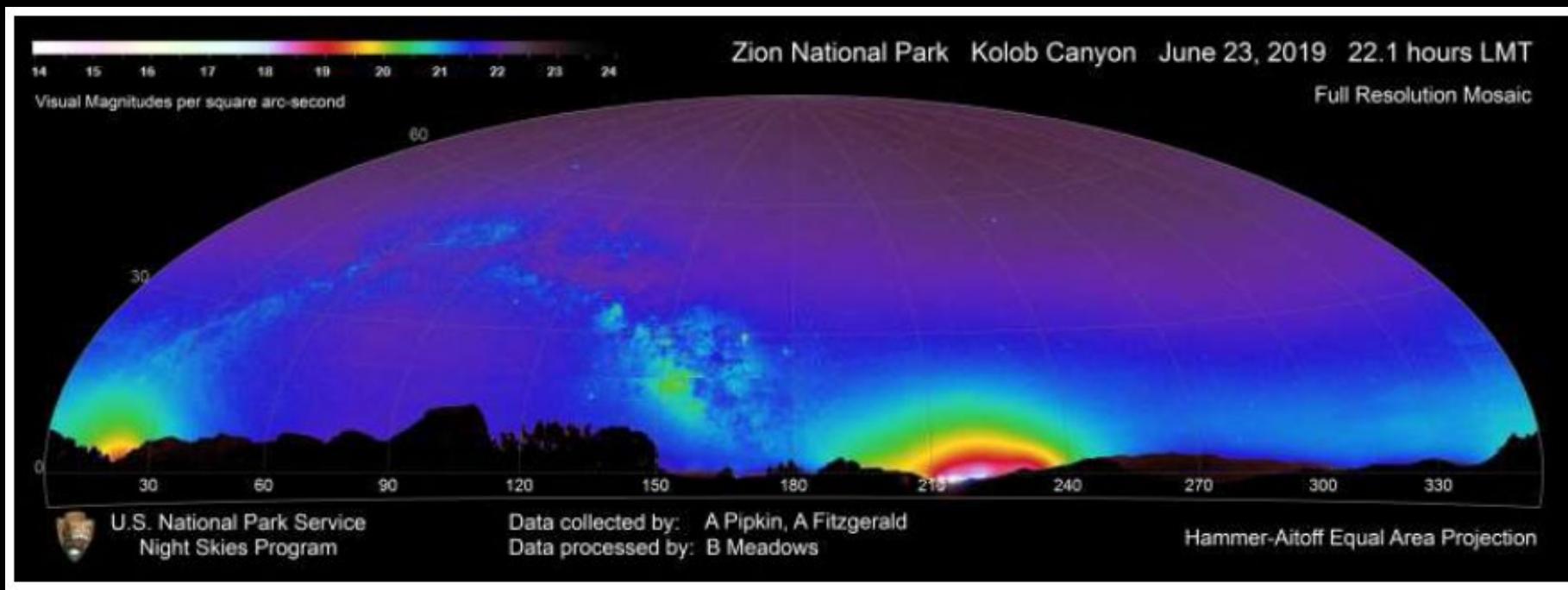


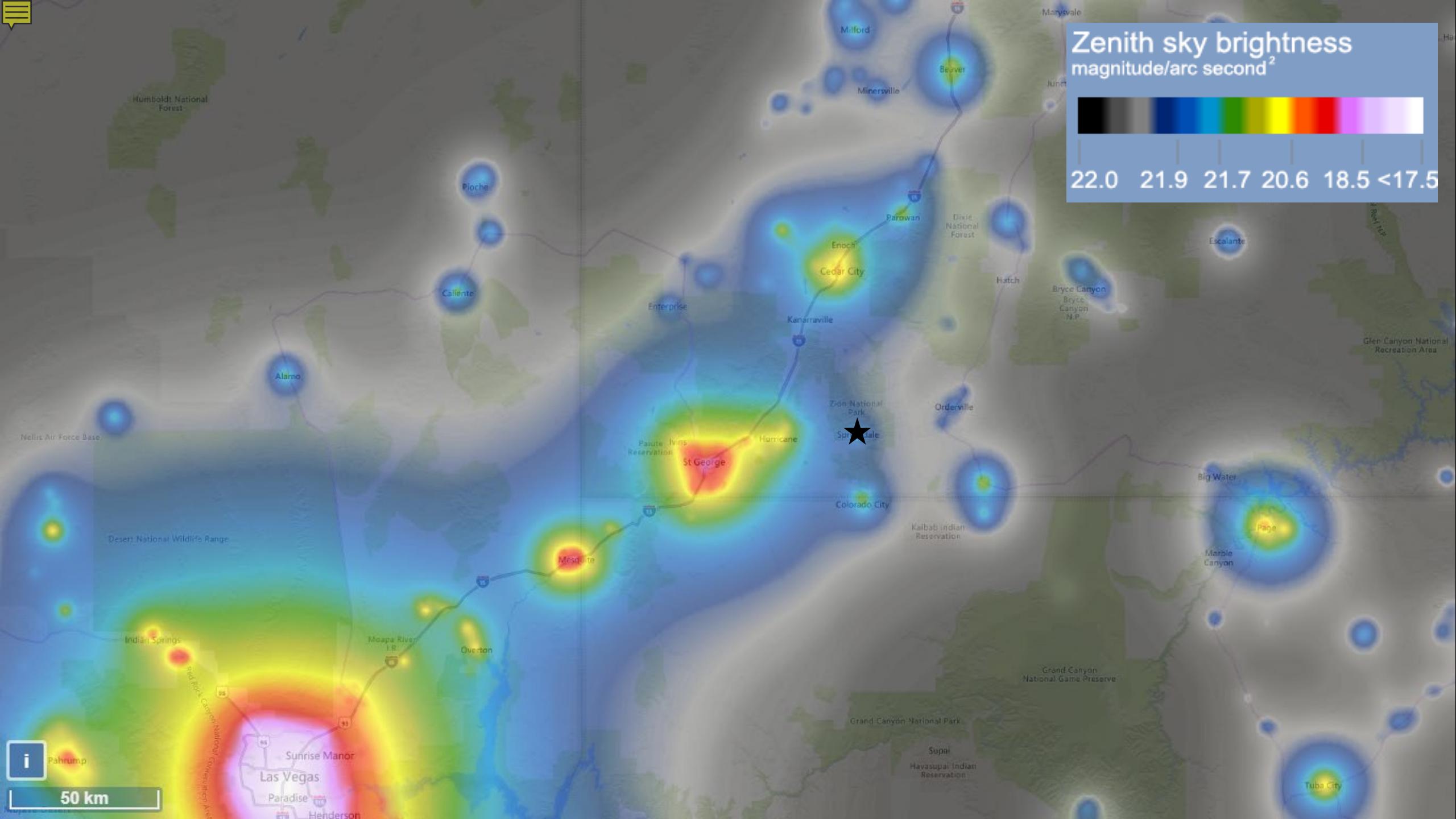
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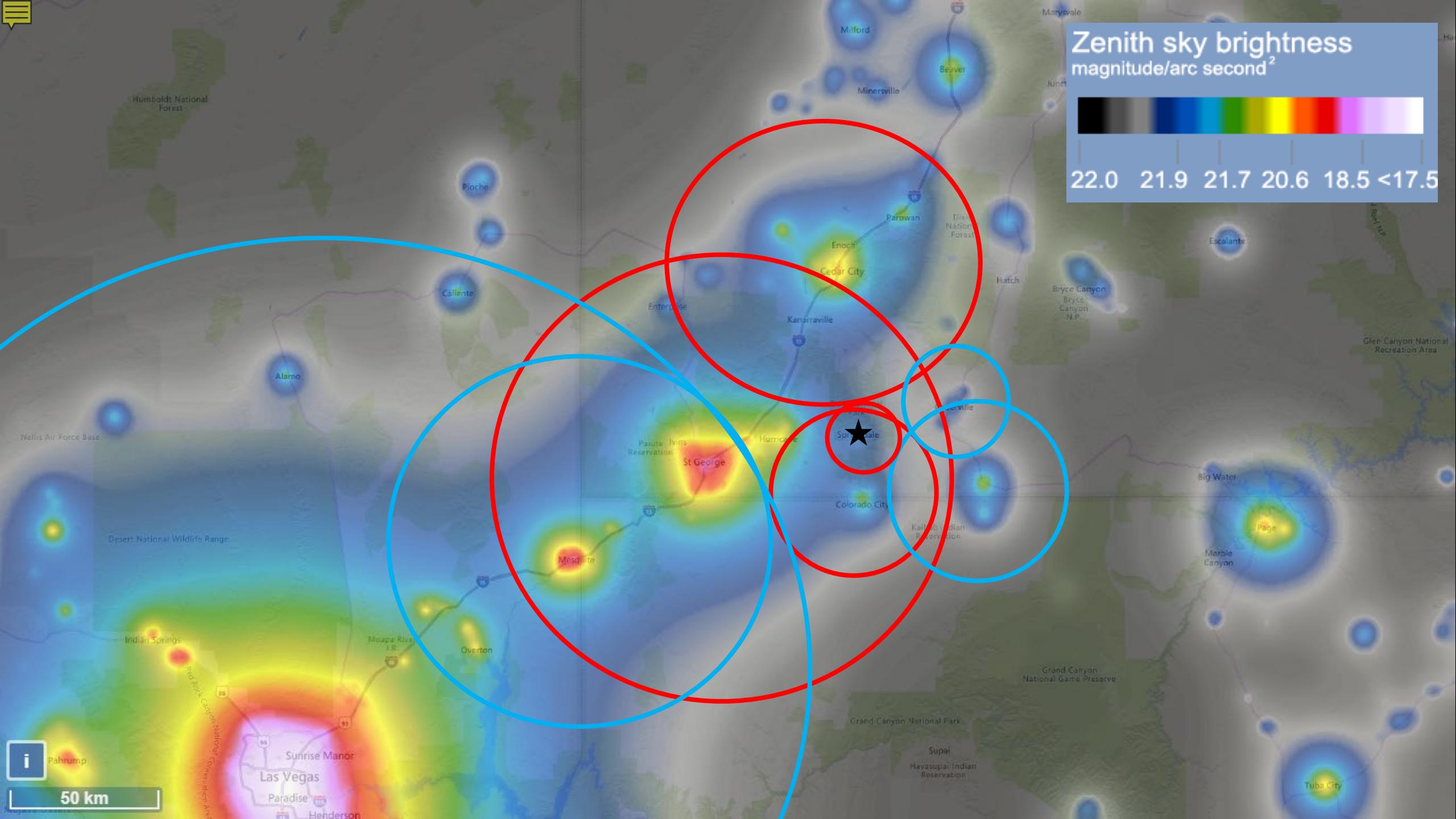
Measuring the impact to night skies











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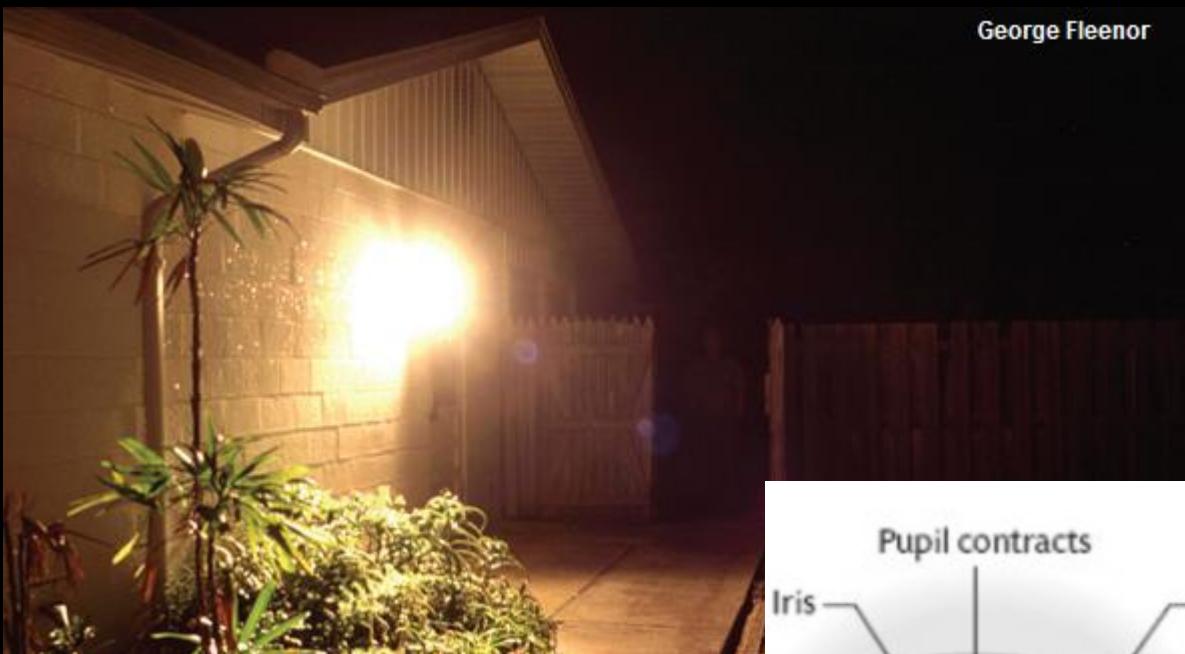


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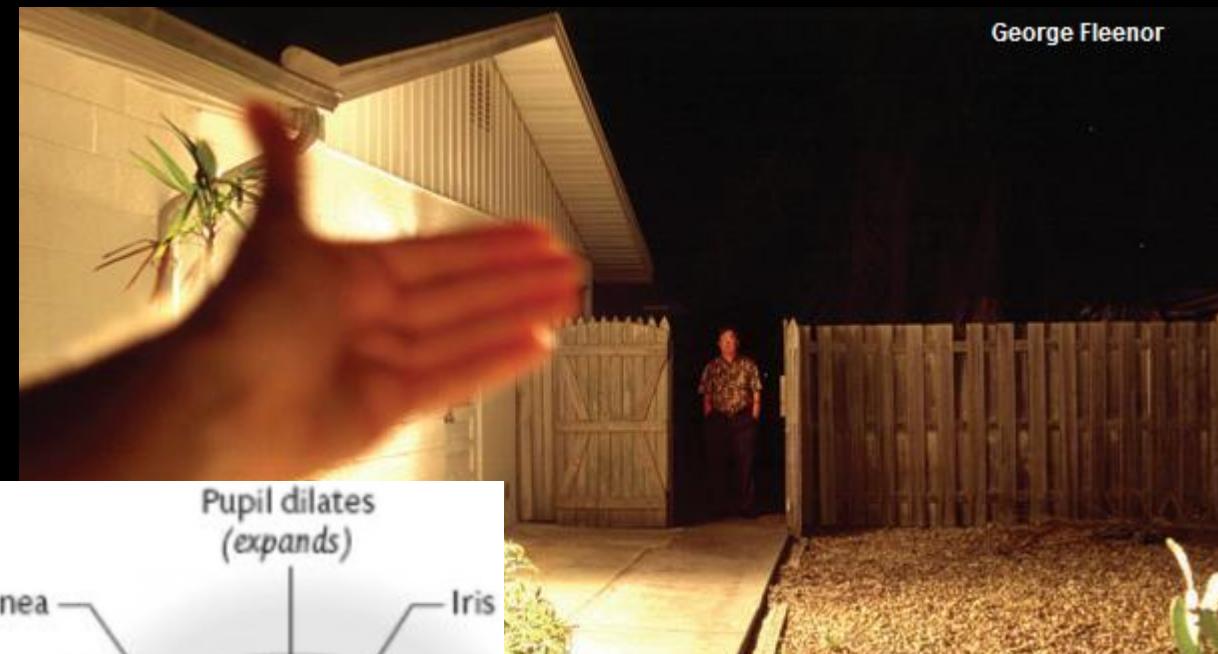


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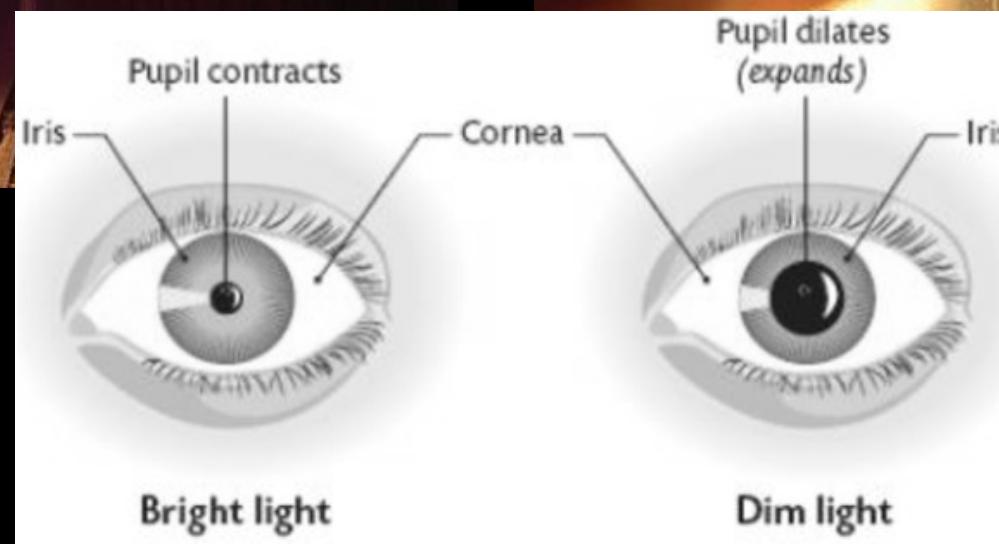
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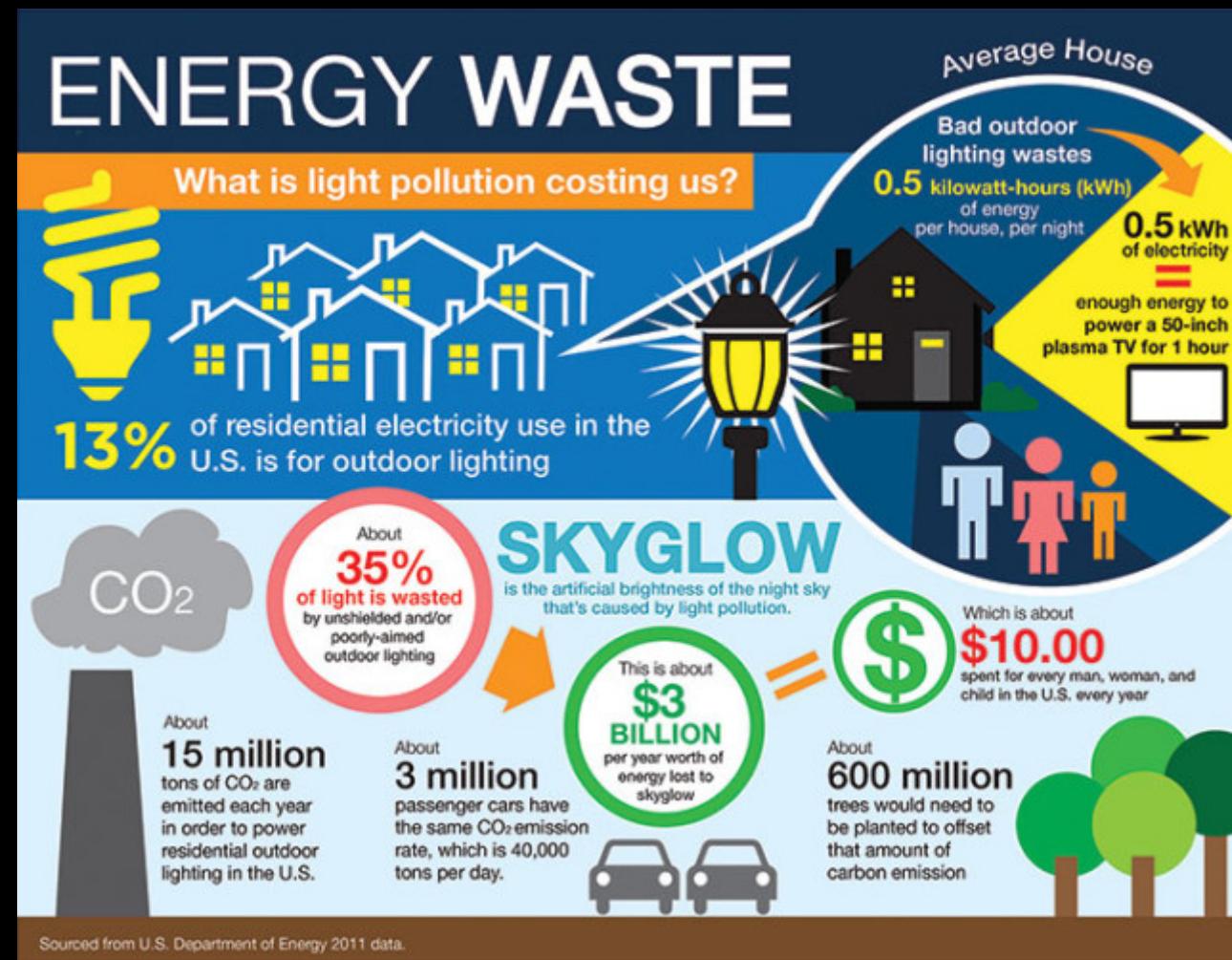
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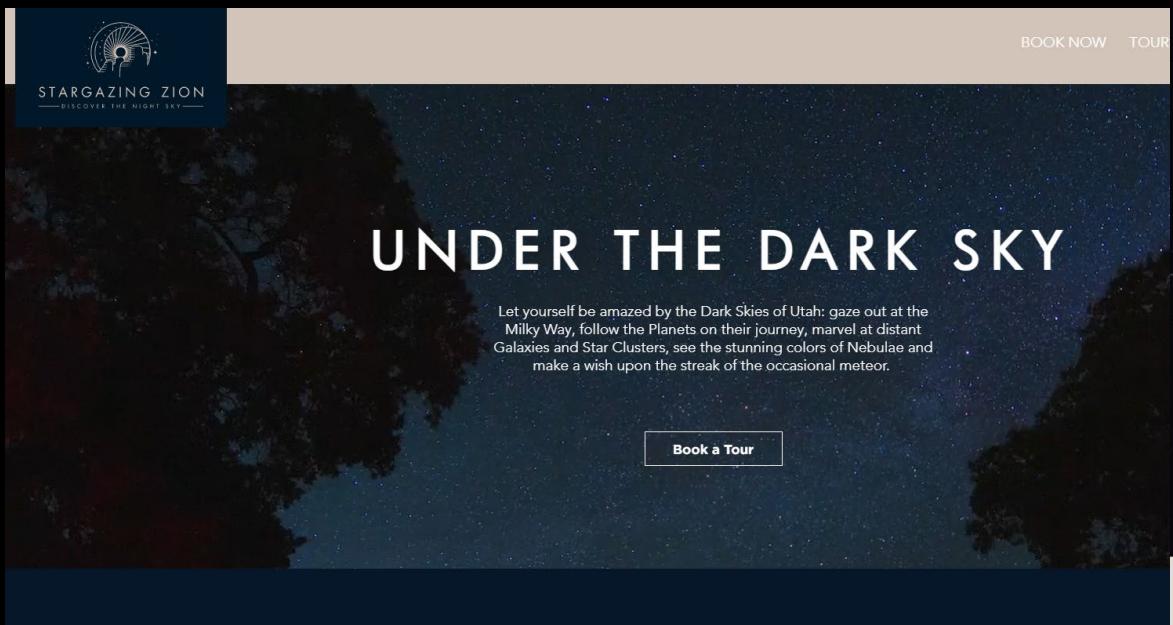
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Smarter outdoor lighting means cost savings!



Becoming an International Dark Sky Community will bring in more tourism revenue to the town!



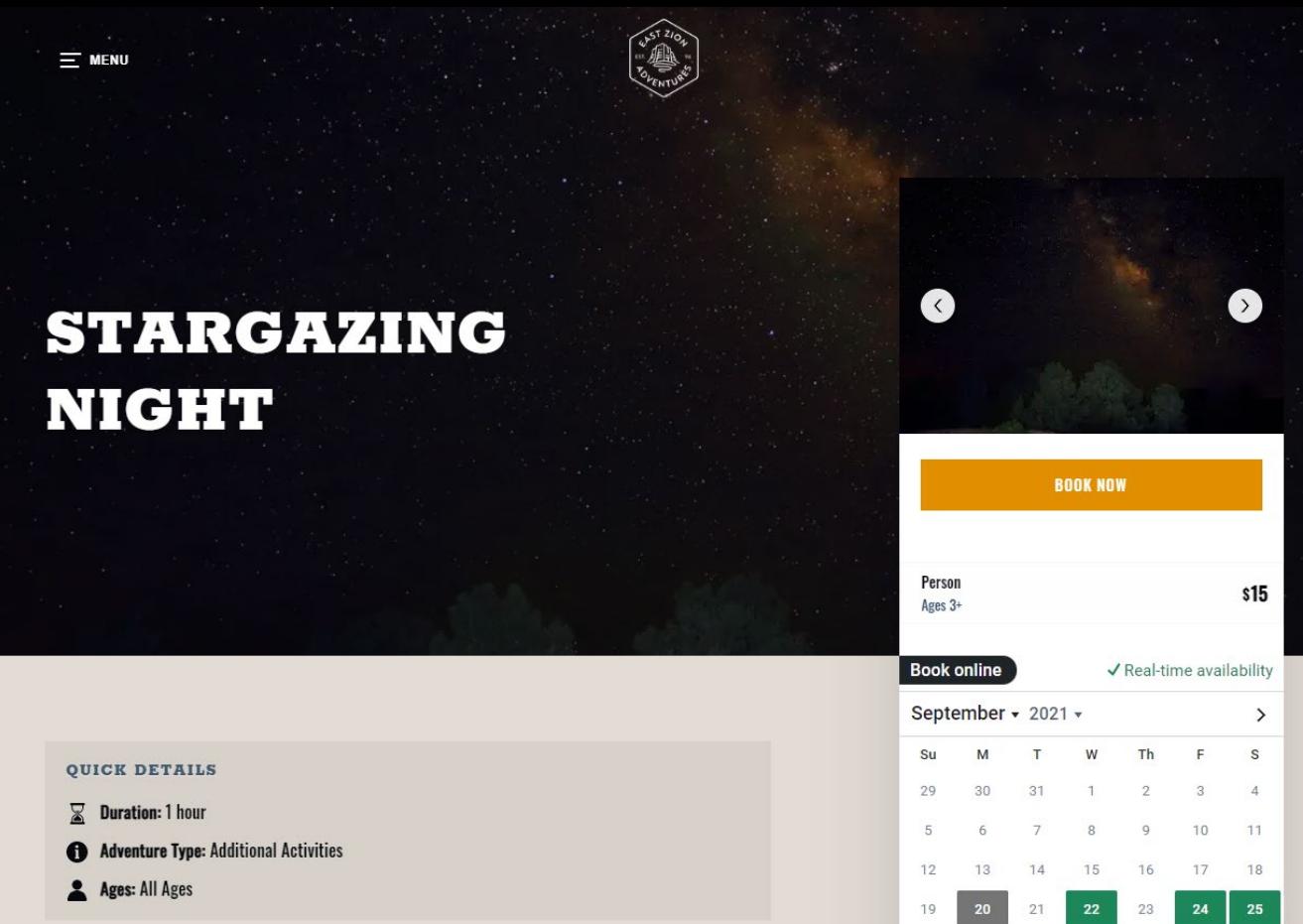
STARGAZING ZION
DISCOVER THE NIGHT SKY

UNDER THE DARK SKY

Let yourself be amazed by the Dark Skies of Utah: gaze out at the Milky Way, follow the Planets on their journey, marvel at distant Galaxies and Star Clusters, see the stunning colors of Nebulae and make a wish upon the streak of the occasional meteor.

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QUICK DETAILS

⌚ Duration: 1 hour

ⓘ Adventure Type: Additional Activities

ⓘ Ages: All Ages



Why manage
artificial outdoor
lighting?

- Better for the **environment**
- Better for **your health**
- **Safer** for the community
- Saves **money**
- Generates **revenue**

A wide-angle photograph of a dark, mountainous landscape at night. The sky is dark with a few small, distant stars visible. The mountains in the background are dark and rugged. In the foreground, a winding road is visible, illuminated by the headlights of a car, creating a bright, glowing path through the dark woods.

How do we correct light pollution?

Shield lights



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Shield lights



Use amber-colored lights



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Before amber sleeve



After amber sleeve

Eliminate unnecessary lighting



Establish lighting curfews





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Lighting Management Plan

Zion National Park



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Creatively shielding
light on the flammable
material building



Historic light fixtures at the Maintenance yard have shallow shields; replacing large incandescent bulbs with short LED lamps to maintain historic integrity



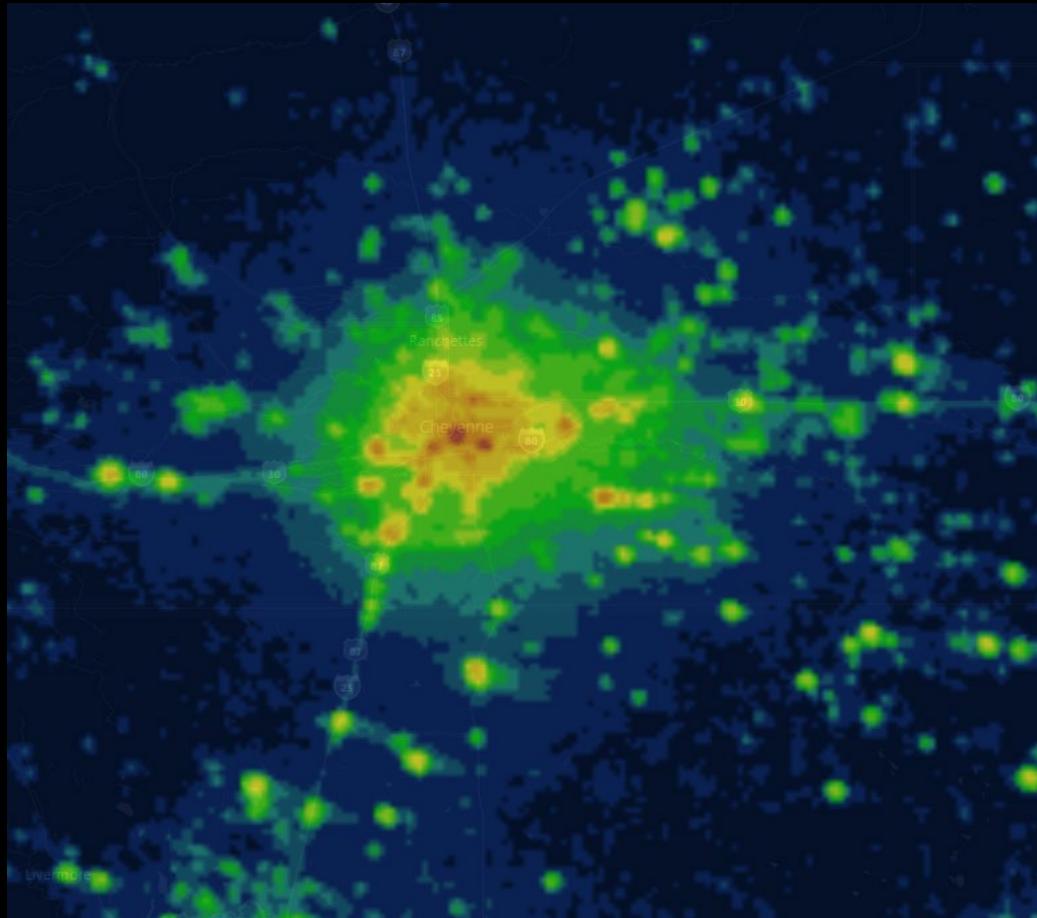
Lighting ordinances work!



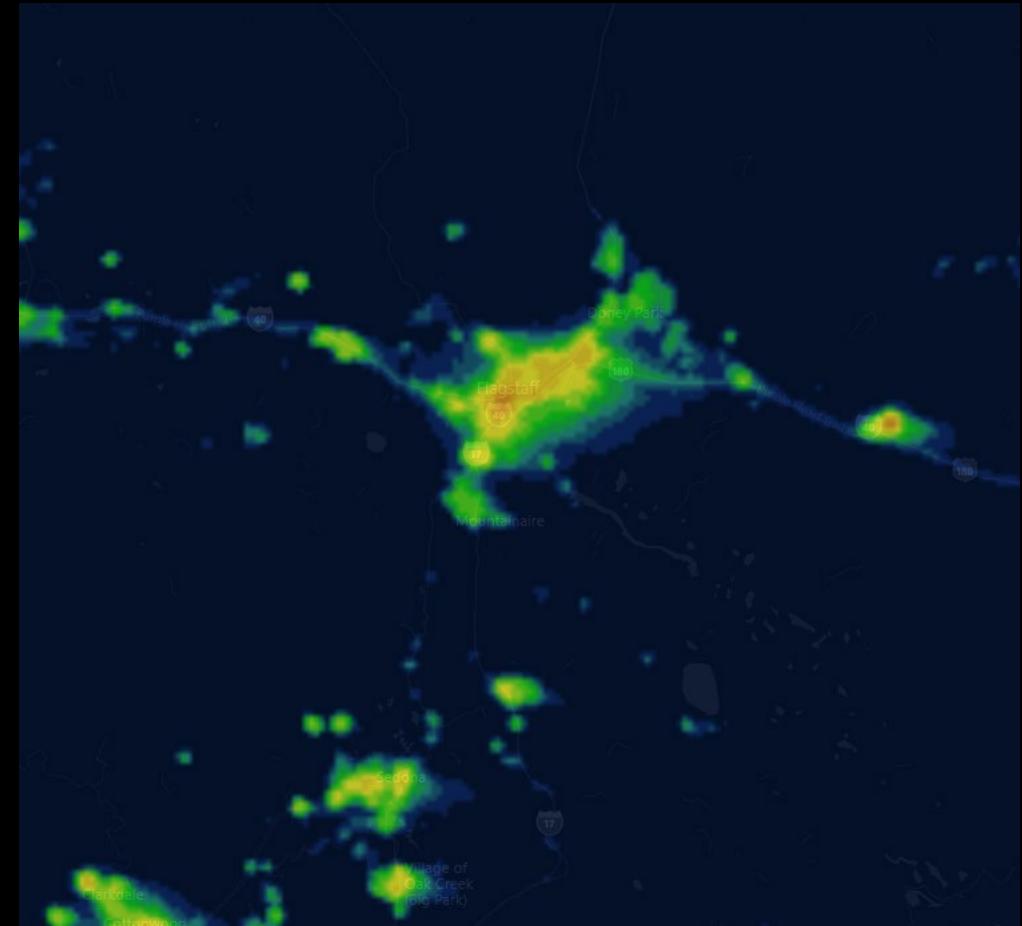
Chisos Basin development in Big Bend NP as seen from Emory Peak, 3.5 miles distant, before (2003) and after (2011) lighting retrofit.



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Cheyenne, WY – population 63,607



Flagstaff, AZ – population 72,402



Working across the landscape is the only meaningful way to protect the night sky

Engaging with communities, non-profits, state lands, city lands, federal public lands, tribes, universities and astronomical organizations





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